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**Obey APPLAUDS VA DECISION TO HELP STATE EXPAND  
THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN SPOONER**

*\$622,580 Federal Grant Awarded By VA  
to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs*

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) today applauded the award of a \$622,580 federal grant by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to the State of Wisconsin to expand the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner.

“We have an obligation to honor and respect our veterans” in life and in death,” said Obey.

“That’s why we’re working to provide the VA the largest funding increase ever next year, and why I’m glad to see the VA doing its part to help us honor our Northwoods veterans.”

The grant will pay for the construction of 460 full-casket burial sites, 444 in-ground cremation burial sites, 704 columbarium niches, a memorial walkway, a storage building, utilities, landscaping and irrigation.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the VA Web site on the Internet at [w  
ww.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)

or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

Information about Wisconsin's veterans cemeteries can be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at [www.dva.state.wi.us/Cemeteries.asp](http://www.dva.state.wi.us/Cemeteries.asp) or 608-261-0179.

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